

PATENT APPLICATION IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appellant:

Jerry H. Chisnell

Examiner:

Vishal Patel

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FTP141A US

Title:

Composite Sleeve For Sealing A Tubular Coupling

Request for Extension Within One Month

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of December 30, 2003. If granted, a response will be due on April 30, 2004.

This request for extension of time is required inasmuch as the undersigned attorney has just received instructions from his client to file a Supplemental Appeal Brief.

A check in the amount of the requisite fee, \$110.00, is enclosed, as well as a duplicate copy of this request and a self-addressed return envelope to facilitate the prompt reply to this request, and a favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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